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Rongelap and Enewetak  
Whole Body Counting Technicians  
Ericson, Simon, Kosma and Donald

**Subject: Return to Routine Whole Body Counting Operations**

Dear Ericson, Simon, Kosma, and Donald:

As you are aware the whole body counting systems on Rongelap and Enewetak have now been down for a considerable length of time. I ask that you give full attention to trying to bring these systems back online. It is probable that Dr. David Hickman will need to make a site visit before the end of September or early October. Please offer Dr. Hickman your full cooperation. It is also essential that all our technicians be present on site whenever Dr. Hickman arrives. We will forward copies of his travel itinerary in due course. In the meantime, you need to consult with our Livermore scientists over the telephone and make every effort to do your own troubleshooting.

I also remind you all that the whole body counting computers are for official use only. These computers are not for personal use and under no circumstances are you to load any new software programs onto these computers with the possible exception of materials received from LLNL. We suspect that some of the problems that you have experienced recently were caused by glitches generated by having foreign computer software loaded onto your system. At the same time, you should be pleased to learn that we plan to provide the Rongelap and Enewetak whole body counting facilities with a second computer. You will be authorized to use these computers for other activities within the facilities including occasional personal use. New satellite phone systems will also be installed at each site beginning around the middle of October. We are hoping that this satellite phone system will drastically improve communications between Livermore and your facility.

Hopefully we'll be able to solve the existing problems with your whole body counting system in the coming month. I look forward to your support in providing an intensive period of whole body counting program through the remainder of the year to help catch up on the number of counts performed. I also look forward to receiving your written suggestions on how we might improve the overall whole program counting program in the Marshall Islands and the service provided to your community.

Thank you & kind regards,

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Marshall Islands Program Leader

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